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### PANEL DISCUSSION

#### FHA Accepts 3/4" Plywood Over Rafters 24" O. C.

On the basis of recent tests and experience data, Federal Housing Administration now accepts plywood \(^3\)\(^3\)"-thick as roof decking over rafters spaced 24" on centers, according to a letter from Curt Mack, assistant commissioner of the FHA underwriting office, to Douglas Fir Plywood Association.

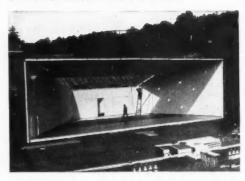
A revision of FHA Minimum Property Requirements is planned; meanwhile, FHA at Washington (Underwriting Office) will advise any insuring office upon inquiry that  $\frac{3}{8}$ " plywood over rafters 24" on centers will be accepted. Plywood roof deck thicknesses now accepted by FHA are shown below in tabular form.

Roofing Material	Max. Rafter Spacing	Min. Plywood Thickness
Wood, Asphalt Shingles	16" 24" 24"	5/16"* 3/8"* 1/2"
Slate, Tile, Asbestos-Cement	16" 20" 24"	1/2" 1/2" 5/8"
Flat Roofs	16" 20" 24"	3/8" 1/2" 5/8"

\*Under wood shingles: If plywood is less than 1/2" thick, apply 1" x 2 nailing strips.

A folder giving information regarding use and acceptance of fir plywood in homes built under FHA financing may be had free of charge from Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Wash.

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### Garden-Room Addition Uses Single Wall Construction



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Architect Smith used a single thickness of ½" Exterior plywood secured to the inside of 4"x4" posts, 4' o.c. Interior ceiling paneling is ¾" Interior plywood; soffits are ¾" Exterior. Both interior and exterior walls are painted a pleasing greygreen; ceiling and soffit are light-stained.

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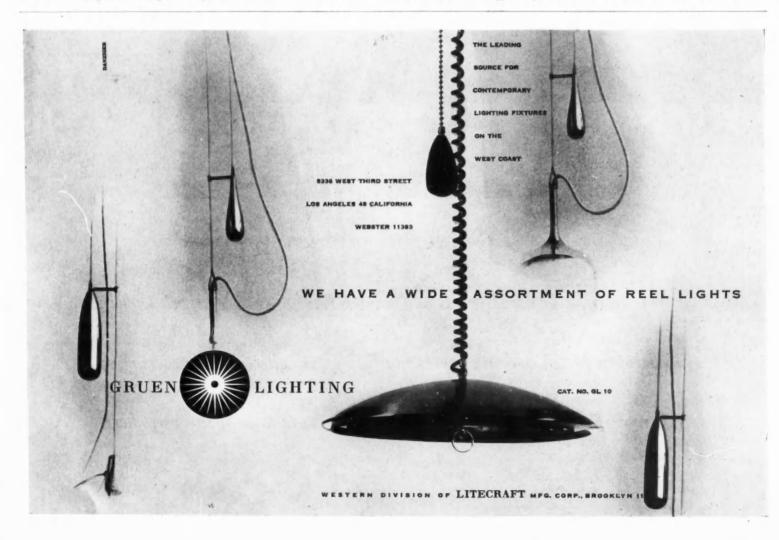
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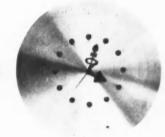
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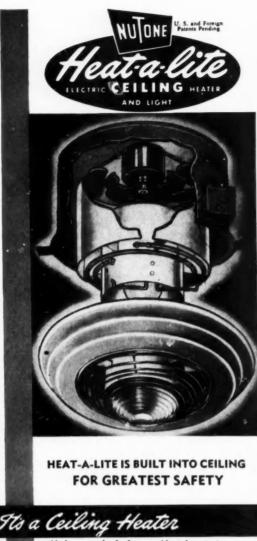


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#### PAINTS, SURFACE TREATMENTS

(938) Paint Information Servicethoritative, complete—especially for Architects. Questions to all your finish problems answered promptly and frankly, with the latest information avail-able. No obligation. Also color samples and specifications for L & S Portland Cement Paint, the unique oil-base finish General Paint, the unique on-base mass for cement masonry, galvanized steel. Used on the West's most important jobs. Write to General Paint Corp., Archi-tectural Information Department, 2627 Army St., San Francisco 19, Calif.

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• (924) Sash and Trim Colors: Folder • (924) Sash and Trim Colors: Folder strong, durable sash and trim colors ground in treated oils; pure, light-fast pigments combied with specially form-ulated synthetics; won't check, crack, withstands discoloration, retains gloss, flows easily but won't run, sag; good hiding capacity; worth investigation.— General Paint Corporation, 2627 Army Street San Francisco, Calif Street, San Francisco, Calif.

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(106a) Accordion-Folding Doors: Brochure, full information, specification data Modernfold accordion-folding data Moderniola accordin-tolding doors for space-saving closures and room division; permit flexibility in decorative schemes; use no floor or wall space; provide more space; permit better use of space; vinyl, durable, washable, flame-resistant coverings in wide

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—Acorn Adhesives & Supply Company, 678 Clover Street, Los Angeles 31, Calif. CApitol 13185.

(23a) Swimming Pools: Well pre-pared book "Planning Your New Swim-ming Pool" giving full data Paddock swimming pools; nationally known, widely accepted; one of best sources of information on subject. — Paddock Swimming Pools, 8400 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles 46, Calif.

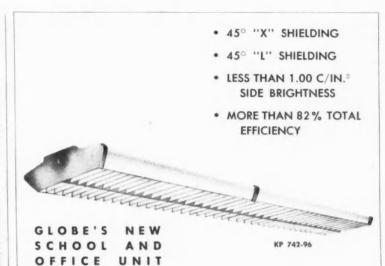
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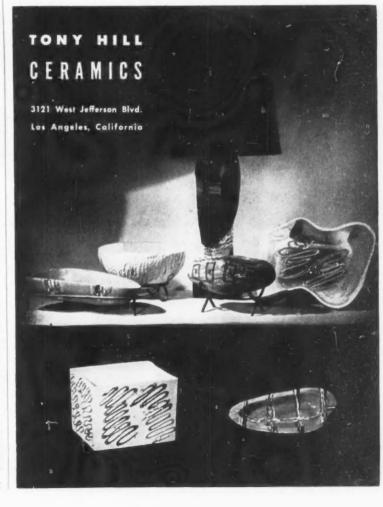
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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the opening words of its Preamble reflects the actual conditions from which it emerged. It speaks of the fact that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world." It then goes on to recall how "disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind," and how "the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people." These passages—the last taken from the Atlantic Charter-provide the first reason for the unique authority of the Declaration: it was born out of a life and death struggle of the peoples of the world against tyranny and oppression. It represented the highest aspirations of the common people.

But a second element contributed to its unique authority. Its application is universal. The rights proclaimed are rights to which everyone is entitled, "without distinction of any kind, such as race, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status." This is a list of things that cannot or should not interfere with your rights. It is taken from Article 2 of the Universal Declaration. The Article prescribes full equality. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration without distinction of any kind. The list that follows enumerates the grounds or pretexts on the basis of which enjoyment of rights at one time or other, in some place or other, has been denied. It is not an exhaustive list. It merely enumerates the most frequent cases of discrimination.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights stands firmly against all types of discrimination and proclaims rights and freedoms for all. It may be noted that special reference is made to one very common type of discrimination—discrimination practiced against groups of people who belong to a territory which is not fully autonomous. The Declaration states in Article 2 that "no discrimination shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether this territory be an independent, Trust, Non-Self-Governing Territory, or under any other limitation of sovereignty."

#### NEW RIGHTS AND OLD

A third feature of the Universal Declaration which adds to its intrinsic authority is the broad range of the rights and freedoms it proclaims.

For the first time in history a comprehensive system of human rights is given international recognition. The Declaration not only incorporates the great victories of the past-victories in the field of free thought and opinion, victories which won for the common man the right to free assembly and association, to freedom from arbitrary arrest and the right to a fair trial. These great traditional rights had already been proclaimed in the historic declarations of human rights and were, of course, included in the Universal Declaration. But the Universal Declaration points beyond these traditional rights to the more recently defined and recognized social, cultural and economic rights-the right to work, the right to social security, to education, to health and an adequate standard of living, to full participation in the cultural life of the community.

Many national constitutions drawn up in this century offer guarantees of employment, unemployment insurance, old-age and sickness benefits, and free education. Moreover, in recent legislation in many countries, increasing stress has been laid on these guarantees. But the economic, cultural and social rights set forth in articles 22-27 of the Declaration have not yet been fully realized. The Declaration defines with clarity and with authority those rights which have. in a sense, been created by the very complexity and change of social and economic conditions of the twentieth century. It attempts to match newly recognized needs with norms of conduct arising out of the awakened social conscience of mankind. The articles in the Declaration setting forth these rights mark an evolution in social and juridical thinking and at the same time define a goal, "a standard of achievement," by which mankind may judge its progress.

There is a fourth reason for the unique authority of the Universal Declaration, and perhaps it is the most significant of all. At the time of the adoption of the Declaration, the President of the General Assembly, Herbert Vere Evatt of Australia, said:

"It is the first occasion on which the organized community of nations has made a declaration of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and it has the authority of the body of opinion of the United Nations as a whole, and millions of men, women and children all over the world, many miles from Paris and New York, will turn for help, guidance and inspiration to this document."

Herein lies the greatest significance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: it is a Declaration, not of one person or group of persons, not of one nation or of one people, but of the organized community of nations and of all the peoples throughout the world.

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And they shall be accounted poet kings
Who simply tell the most heart-easing things.

This was Keats' appealing way of suggesting that the artist subscribes to a kind of Rotary Club of Art which, as in that international association of clubs, carries the motto "Service." It may mean service to culture, to society, to an advertiser, to a patron, or to any band of esthetes one cares to choose. In every case, however closed the circle, he is expected to submit to the appetites of others and to perform a function or duty in relation to them.

Traditionally, the artist has engaged in activities which finely blend the social service of art with the art of social service. His products have illustrated the codices of priests and they have demonstrated the canons of connoisseurs. They have affirmed the faiths of the few or the many and they have repudiated the beliefs of the contrary minded. Into the role of artist men have introduced the roles of celebrant, clown, heretic, martyr, sycophant and vandal. Inevitably, the attitude has in some degree involved a system which a number of people share.

And in our own time, of course, artists have kept the connection alive. On occasion they have been unfriendly to established orders of society. The spirit of blague, nursed in the studios of Paris towards the end of the last century, burst out in the grave roistering of Dada, and again in the more hopeful demonstrations of Surrealism. Energies went into rallies, manifestoes and promotion. Under the vows, fears and jeers there was often a hint of wistful respect for a culture misplaced by history. The world made an appropriate stage; and there was an audience. Onlookers talked, argued, wrote letters to the papers. Space was found for criticism. In time galleries and museums devoted walls, suitably dedicated to expressions of public import, to works that might at first have seemed anti-social.

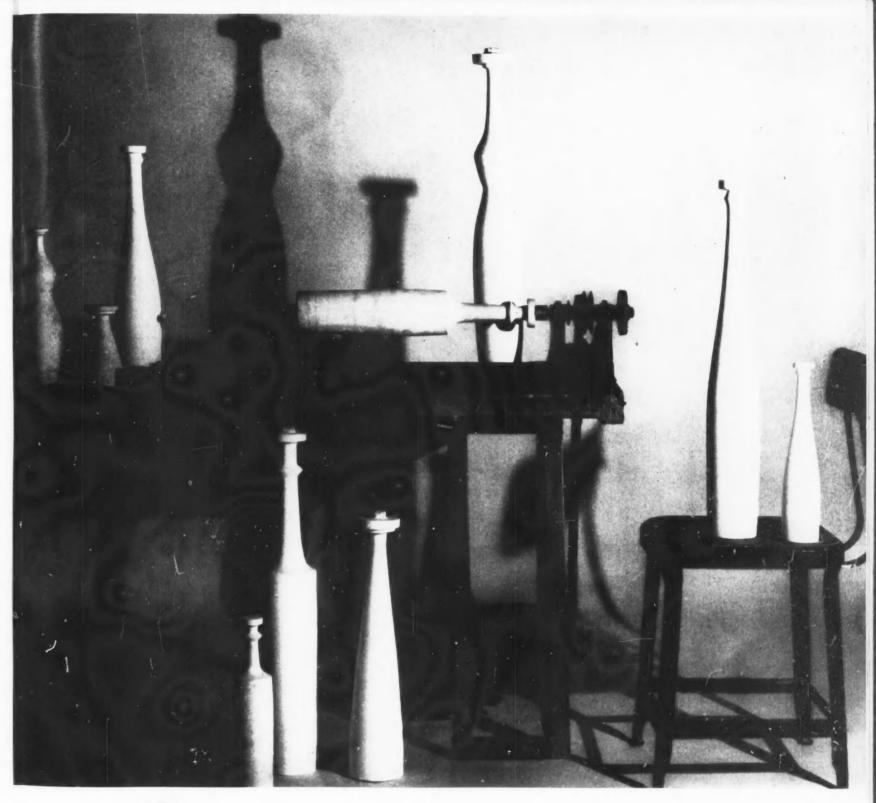
The weight of historical evidence makes it easy to confuse the masterpiece with he conversation-piece. Whatever else may justify its existence, the work is thought to be there to be talked about. We expect—if not communication—an explanation. To some of us, exegesis has become a sine qua non of modern art. Let it be Plato, or Freud, or Marx, or commonsense, for we may agree and disagree about such matters. It is important for us to be able to communicate opinions and settle questions—even about situations that have not communicated.

An enormous cultural structure supports this compulsion. Museums, universities, critics, publishers and even some business interests are geared to various forms of esthetic explanation. Museums, on the whole, fulfill their function valiantly. They expose themselves, as well as the works they show, to the rancor of a sometimes irritated public. Their allegiance, after all, is to a wider concept of culture than immediate circumstances may allow, and their stand is condoned by historical precedent. Nevertheless, even this liberal institution protects public feelings from the more touchy allusions to politics, religion and sex. On the more directly explanatory side, museum labels and lectures have been a source of general embarrassment at times. It is an embarrassment that universities, until fairly recently, have resisted by the simple device of silence on matters of modern art. Likewise faithful to a broad notion of culture, they recognized that their fidelity was to the surviving body of literary information and opinion about works of art. Since opinion is frequently thought to attain the distinction of judgment if it remains unchanged for several generations, it had seemed a matter of questionable dignity to express an opinion of something produced by a member of one's own generation. But, as we know, this reticence has become academic, because universities are yielding to the example set by museums and are entering the arena of talk about modern art.

Criticism, of course, cannot be considered apart from the relations between a critic and his readers, although it may often be studied without reference to the work of art under discussion. In its early stages, art criticism was addressed to the artist. The critic either communicated his judgment as an expert, or he passed it along as a spokesman for the public. This is more or less the direction of discourse today, though it is true that some artists read what is said about their work—a known fact that might affect the critic. Being a communal affair, criticism depends on recourse to systems of interpretation that readers understand.

Today it is an interesting, if sometimes painful, fact that there are some paintings which are not susceptible to constituted critical interpretation. They elude the familiar grips and holds. From this one might suppose that the men who make them would be free of the obligations of ordainment. If they are, it is not because others would have it so. People talk, argue, write letters to the papers. Critics are called on, and some bravely or blindly respond. Like bewildered tailors, they try to fit new forms with old robes; but the robes stand stiffly empty.

It seems impossible to reconcile the notion that all art is (continued on page 32)





#### UTILITY, FORM, DECORATION

LA GARDO TACKETT

KEMJI FUJITA

BARBARA LYNN

ROBERT LYNN

VIRGINIA LEE TACKETT

Of this group of pots and our present efforts, there is the initial reaction against the Chinese inclination to turn inward and enclose the inner space of pots. A desire, in other words, to form not through mass and volume, but through the vitality of a linear profile. For a change we want to see what happens when we relate or oppose the galbe to pressure from the outside. Therefore, many of our present pots are

frankly influenced by Greek lathe discipline. Others are the result of efforts to make clay go against its natural inclination—to stand erect.

Some simply oppose the vertical as extremes for comparison. They all must bear the test of validity. With each kiln, the opportunity to reconcile the threefold demands of utility, form, and decoration, is presented. We look to the pots themselves to see how they work. If they





UTILITY, FORM, DECORATION

satisfy the human want for sculptural form perhaps we are justified in stopping there. If they produce scale in various surroundings, act as foil against niggling detail, amuse, or even shock us into the realization that all need not be subtle, then validity and utility have gained a point. How far, then, must we go in determining utility?

Is it rash to assume that most of a pot's function is with the user and that the rest should be taken for granted?

How can we utilize ornament? Must it also be related to enclosed space? We seek to make it form an affinity with environment. We bring decoration from the outside and allow it to infringe upon the vessel or penetrate its surface. These are cues from contemporary sculpture and architecture. And, as with painting, the symbols we use become more and more meaningful as we learn to relate them to environment and to people instead of the constraining clay wall.

Here, then, are our present efforts. At least they carry the conviction that there are various ways of conceiving pots and that pottery, a minor art, can also be in transition.



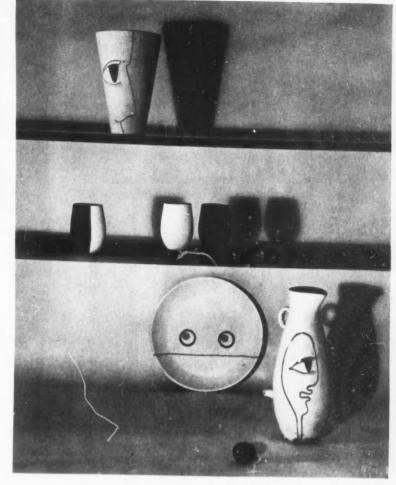




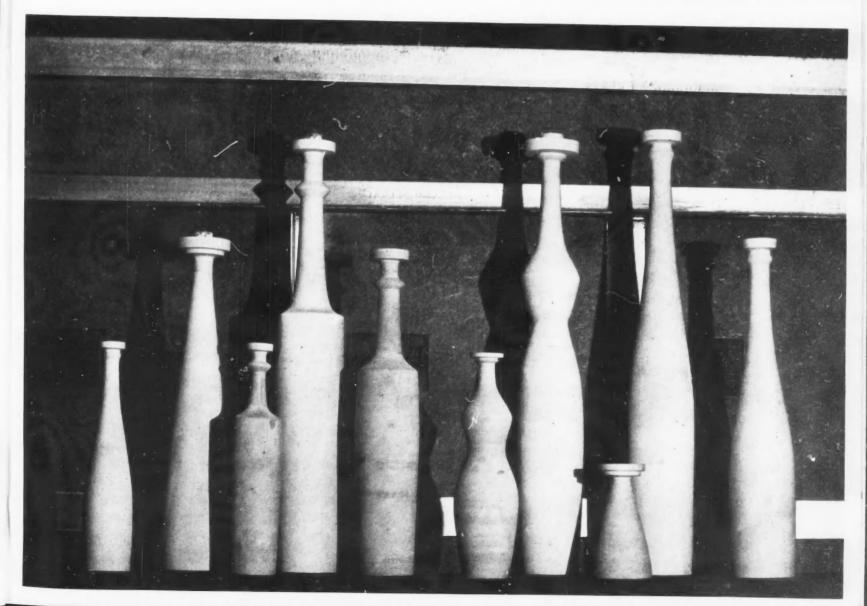


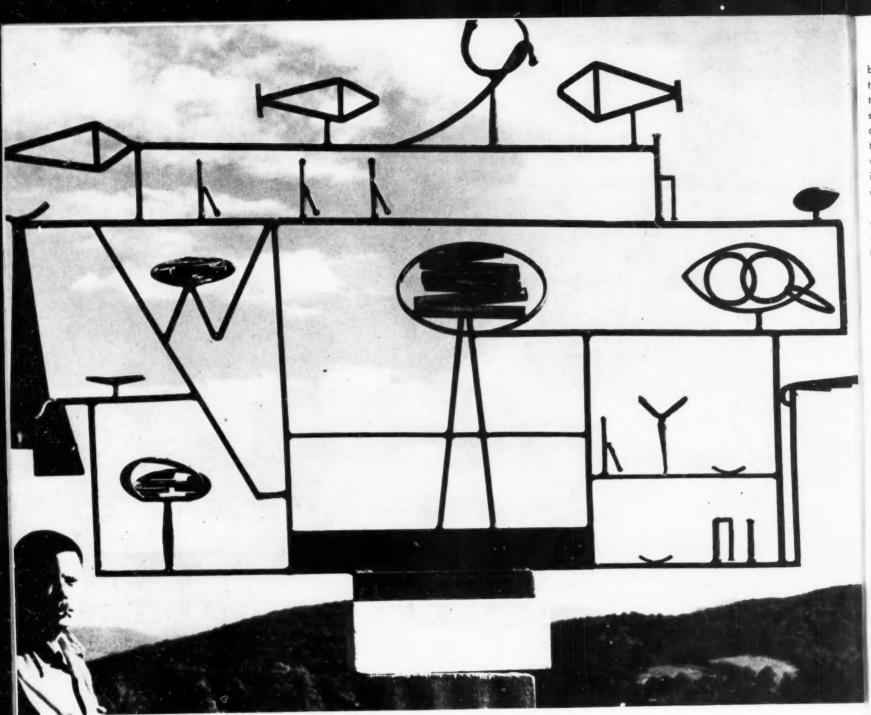






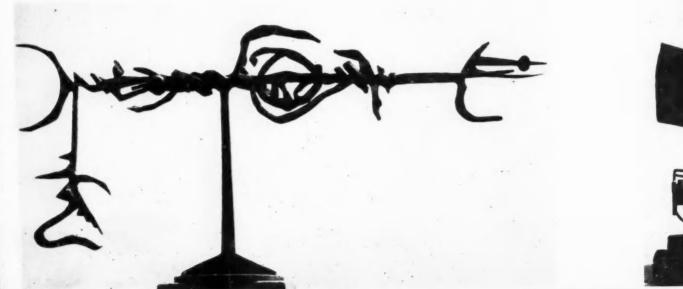






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rien has to sen the The words I use in talking about art do not bear close relationship to making art nor are they necessary directives or useful explanations. They may represent views that govern some choice in sublimation—censored exchange or as opposites. When I work the train of thought has no words, it is simply all in the visual world, the language is image. If I write it is not at the expense of my work, it is done during travel and non-work pursuit.

Probably I resent the word "world" (Joyce, etc., excepted) because it has become the tool of pragmatists, has shown limited change, has rejected creative extension. It seems that the pragmatists have turned words against their creators when dealing with perception. Most of the words on art have been an actual hindrance to the understanding of art; ... perception. This anti-art verbiage starts in elementary grades and is constant throughout the majority of educational institutions, both state and sectarian.

Judging from Cuniform, Chinese and other ancient texts, the object symbols formed identities upon which letters and words were later developed. Their business and exploitation use has become dominant over their poetic-communicative use, which explains one facet of their inadequateness.

Thirty or forty thousand years ago primitive man did not have the word picture, nor this demand for limited vision. His relationship to the object was with all its parts and function, by selection, or the eidetic image.

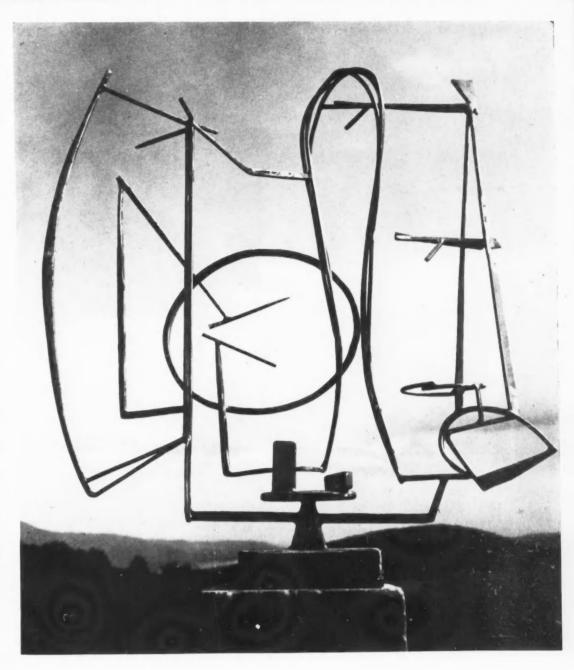
Since recorded origins true perception in art has had various official safeguards and monointerpretations, such limits in making art or receiving art being more or less law and answering to one interpretation, usually literary or confined to an official symbol language for religio-commercial use.

The cave man from Altamira to Rhodesia had produced true reality by the eidetic image. This image even today defines word explanation as does any art, since it is simply to be received by a totally different physical sense.

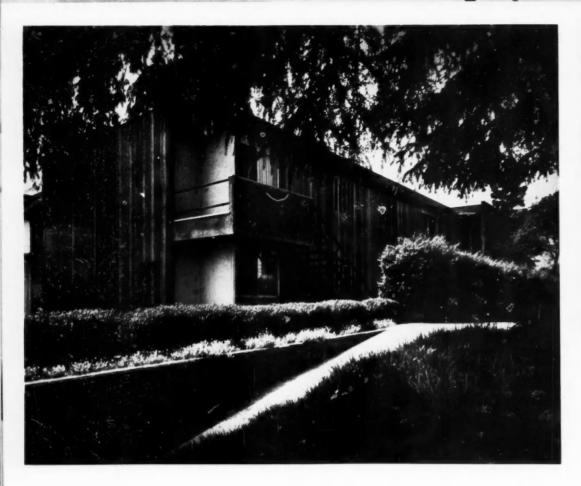
The true reality of an apple is not any one naturalistic image. The eye of man is not a camera eye, it is a cerebral eye. It is not a two-dimensional photograph, nor any one view. The reality is actually all apples in all actions. Apples are red, yellow, green, round, halved, quartered, sweet, sour, rotten, sensuously felt, hanging, crushed, to juice and all the association two years would take to tabulate, yet when stimulated the mind can select and experience the desired action in a flash; apple is meaningless, without memory.

Perception through vision is a highly accelerated response, so fast, so complex, so free that these qualities are unattainable by the very recent limited science of word communication.

In perceiving, all men are potentially equal. The mind records everything the senses experience. No man has sensed anything another has not, or lacks the components and power to assemble. The word version of art represents both censoring and prejudice. Yet, it is the version, educational institutions advocate continued on page 33









#### SIX-UNIT APARTMENT

CARL LOUIS MASTON, ARCHITECT

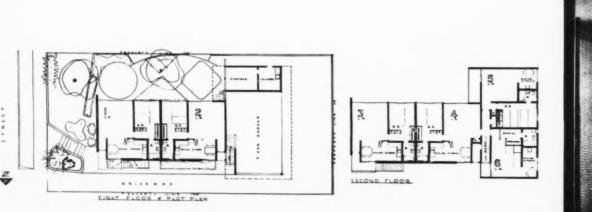
HONORABLE MENTION A. I. A. HONOR AWARDS

This is a six-unit project planned to provide living quarters and a retirement income for the owner within a limited budget. Structurally, the building is a conventional 2 by 4 stud frame on concrete slab; the over all area is 3925 square feet; the wall materials are plaster and redwood boarding; the second floor is carpeted over celotex with clip suspended ceiling for sound isolation; windows

and garden doors are standard aluminum assemblies.

The architect has solved this problem simply and directly and has succeeded in providing the living amenities of a private home for each tenant in the downtown area. He has by using the simplest and most direct of means developed a forthright and completely charming multi-housing unit.











KIPP STEWART, DESIGNER

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This is a house designed to meet two specific requirements:

1) Now under construction, it encloses an area of 1750 square feet, of which 1050 is actual house, and will be finished for less than \$9000. 2) It is so unobtrusive in design that it becomes a complementary backdrop for the owners' living pattern; small parties, games, festive decorations with "architecture" just keeping the rain out.

MACKINTOSH AND MACKINTOSH, CONSULTING ENGINEERS

P. E. PHILBRICK COMPANY, BUILDERS

111/1/1/1/1/ 111/// Construction is the familiar post and beam with 2x6 tongue and groove roof. In this case posts are designed as minimum (3x4 @ seven foot centers). A pair of beams are bolted to the top of each post and span the full 24-foot width of the house. At north and south ends there is a small parapet and the beams are all chambered to provide drainage. Extruded aluminum sash fits between the posts with fixed platé

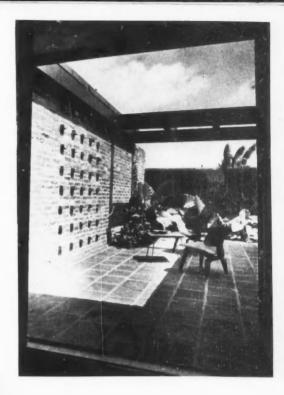
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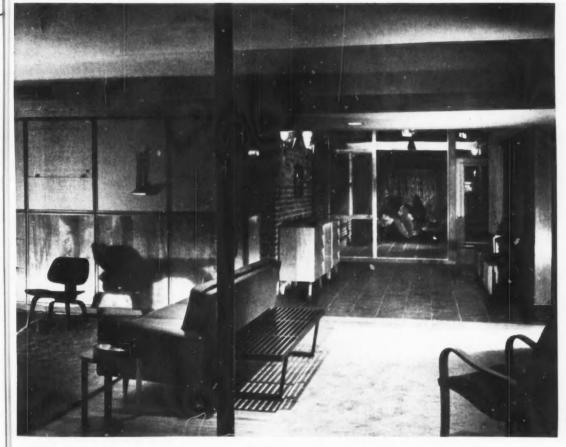
It is encouraging to note that the California Veterans Administration, following FHA minimum housing requirements, gave a 100% construction loan and gave no requirements or restrictions pertaining to style.

glass from slab floor to door height and awning type windows above, thus keeping screens, muntins, and operators out of sight line. Those exterior panels that are not glazed are stucco and will be painted white. Interior partitions are mostly cabinets; an accordion type partition combines or separates the bedroom and studio. A centrally located forced air heater sends high ducts into living, bedroom, and kitchen

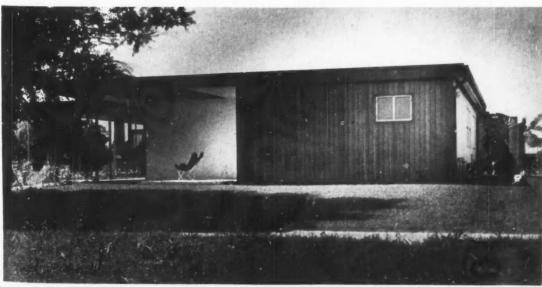
**CURTIS AND DAVIS, ARCHITECTS** 

This New Orleans house has been divided into three well-defined zones for living, sleeping, and service. Their success is more remarkable for having been achieved on a 75-foot lot wtihout any sense of crowding. The house contains five bedrooms and three bathrooms arranged in an L-shaped plan, and the whole is tied together by passages, walls, and changes in ceiling heights that give the house a feeling of spacious variety. The main hallway begins as an entrance walk and emerges at the rear of the house as a shaded arcade along the bedroom zone. A wider cross-hall separates the service and sleeping areas and serves also as a dining room directly opposite the kitchen. It continues to the lot line as an intimate patio and adds considerably to the visual effect of space in the living room. It becomes alternately an added area for adult entertaining or in the day time a play space for children.











#### AN ARCHITECT'S OFFICE

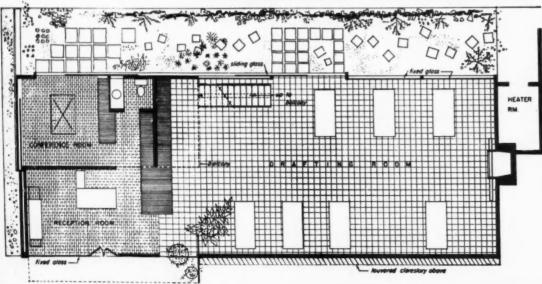
WILLIAM S. BECKETT, ARCHITECT

HONORABLE MENTION A. I. A. HONOR AWARDS



This architect's office reclaimed from what had been an old Boys' Club has been lightly developed through the use of a few screens and levels into a thoroughly workable and beautiful professional office. The drafting room is a big, simple volume relieved by a sliding glass wall leading into a garden patio. Details of the room are plain and uncluttered in a deliberate attempt to encourage neatness and efficiency. While there is no private office arrangement, space has been divided in such a way that a conference room is provided for such purposes.

The building has radiant heating and a forced air ventilator system.





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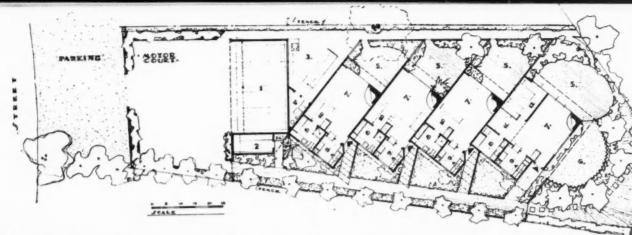
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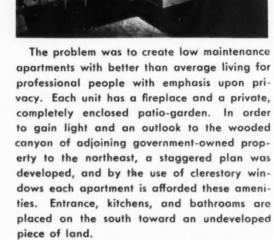




#### CHALFANT HEAD, ARCHITECT



BRENTWOOD VILLAGE APARTMENTS



On the west, a busy street, is a carport, the interior of which is painted gray-green to avoid

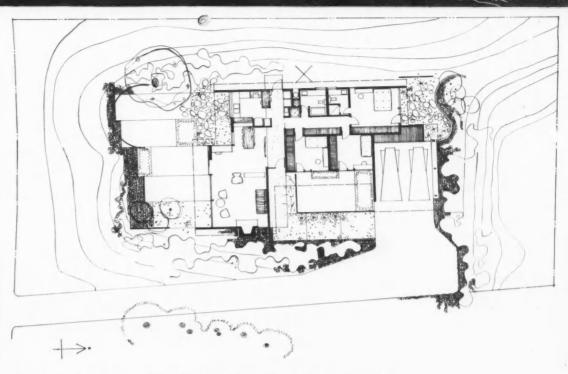
The single apartments average 550 square feet, with one double apartment of 730 square



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a community activity with the apparent fact that some art does not recognize our verbose folkways. Perhaps the notion springs from the belief that what works well in politics works well in art. But few would maintain that, in the field of art, a majority vote inevitably favors the only suitable course of judgment. Because most evidence indicates that most art seems to have performed a collective service in some aspect, we are not bound to conclude that all art must do so. To conclude otherwise would go hard with our prized garrulity, but it might save some self-respect. It is conceivable that the terms "art" and "artist" have extended their reference, just as the word "tinker" no longer refers to an individual whose chief virtue lies in his service to the community. Serviceability may not be an intrinsic characteristic of art. What we have assumed to be a part of the form may be something we have added for convenience. And this being so, we should look a little silly waving the stick of convenience in the name of art.

In the past, it has been a hard and perhaps impossible thing for artists to produce works that were not conditioned by the interests of other people. Such a thought may not have occurred to many of them, and if it had it may not have concerned them. Michelangelo, it is true, was haughty about the desires of some powerful contemporaries, but he regarded himself prophetically with an eye to the awards of history. Others found their creative capacities dependent on ready money from outside pockets. When the depression killed the market for \$40,000 automobiles, Ettore

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Office and Yard: 714 Date Avenue Alhambra, California Telephones: CUmberland 3-2701 ATlantic 2-3786 Bugatti, a great figure and important artist, witnessed the wane of his expensive automotive genius. Having learned the hard way, some artists today look on their own work as an activity that is quite independent of financial support. They welcome money to buy time, but not at the price of the slightest capitulation to outside demands. Barring the windfall, they make ends meet in other ways. It relieves them of obligations to ideas of culture and history, and to the hundred and one other contributions to the loquacity of their contemporaries. It frees them of the yokes and wreaths that eager art lovers are so eager to hang about their necks.

Where, then, does that leave the art lover who encounters paintings by these artists? Tongue-tied, must he also look the other way? As he passes through museum halls he may take a hint from the tales of Horace Walpole, whose princes of Serendip were always making discoveries, by accident and wit, of the things of which they were not in quest.

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and is the general public's basic response. Yet, perception open to any man, in any status, ignores the language barrier.

My realities giving impetus to a work which is a train of hooked visions arises from very ordinary locale. The arrangement of things under an old board, stress patterns, fissures, the structure pattern of growth, stains, tracks of men, animals, machines, the accidental or unknown order forces, accidental evidences such as spilled paint, patched sidewalks, broken parts, structural faults, the force lines in rock or marble laid by glacial sedimentation. Realistic all, made by ancient pattern or unknown force to be recorded, repeated, varied, transformed in analogy or as keys to contemporary celebrations. Some works are the celebration of wonders. After several of these a spectre. In my life joy, peace, is always menaced. Survival; not only from commercial destruction but the threat of daily existence, the battle of money for material—and welfare during. I date my esthetic heritage from impressionism.

Since impressionism the realities from which art has come have all been the properties of ordinary men, the still life has been from the working man's household, the characters, environment, landscape, have been of common nature; the bourgeois or upper class reality, and grandeur pretension have not been the realities which the artist's eyes have transformed. The controls of my art are not outside the daily vision of common man. The vision and organization are very personal and I hope, my own.

The hostile demand for reality usually is the stopped image, which to me has no place in art, being a totally different value from perception and one related more to photography than art. Hostility to art often exists as a fear—of a misunderstood intellectualism.

Primitive man attained the eidetic image. This must have been attained by great desire and affection. At least it was not hostility based on historic standards or censored by self consciousness.

Limits and lack may exist in the artist's sense-presentation. Some artists produce for greater sense-perception. Perception is a quality which all men exercise, there being a difference in degree. The creation of known forms or symbols, related or associated into a new image not existing before, does not exclude it from understanding since it comes from common subconsciousness registry, nothing is secret or mystical. (continued on page 34)



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You can reject it, like it, pretend to like it, or almost like it, but its understanding will never come with words, which had no part in its making, nor can they truly explain the wonders of the human sensorium.

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The General Assembly in the opening paragraph of the Declaration itself set as the goal of this new international action "that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance.



